अस्पताल में ठहरने और प्रयोज्य मदों पर होने वाला खर्च शामिल है रक्त के लिए कोई शुल्क नहीं हैं । सरकार को इस तथ्य की जानकारी हैं कि निम्न वर्ग के लोग इस बीमारी से अधिक प्रभावित होते हैं। सरकार इस सुविधा को और अस्पतालों में उपलब्ध करने का प्रयास कर रही है।

Bridge on NH-5

2214. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on National Highway No. 5 there is a bridge at Ganaparam between Guntur and Chalklurpeta;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this bridge is too narrow and too old, and is proving to be a great bottleneck in the smooth and orderly flow of traffic on this National Highway; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take early steps to build a new and bigger bridge for the smooth flow of traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The bridge constructed in 1945 has a narrow carriageway resulting in some inconvenience to the free flow of traffic.

(c) Reconstruction of the bridge is included in the 7th Plan Programme.

Bridge on National Highway No. 9

2215. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on National Highway No. 9 there is a bridge on the Kesari River near Nandigama village which had broken down some time back;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this bridge has not yet been reconstructed, and as a result, the smooth flow of traffic on this National Highway is greatly hampered; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to rebuild this bridge and by when is it expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Soon after the collapse of one span of the existing bridge, a bailey bridging unit was erected for use of cars and buses and a bed level diversion was constructed by the side of the existing bridge for plying of heavy trucks. Tenders for the work have been invited by the Government of Andhra Pradesh with a completion time of three years from the date of award.

Setting up of a Container Terminal at Calcutta

2216. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Container Terminal at Calcutta; and

(b) if so, at what stage this proposal stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A project for the development of container handling facilities has been sanctioned by the Government in March, 1985. The contract for civil work was awarded in December, 1985.

Sahitya Akademi Awards

2217. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the date when the Sahitya Akademi awards, which is conferred on eminent writers, was instituted;

(b) the names of the persons on whom this award has been conferred so far;

(c) the names of the persons on whom the award has been conferred posthumously; and

(d) the criteria adopted in selecting persons for this award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The Shitya Akademi Annual award was instituted since the Akademi's inception in 1954 and the first awards were given in 1955.

(b) to (d) Statements are attached. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 78.]

Integrated plan to control the vector-borne diseases

2218. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a comprehensive integrated plan to control the vector-borne diseases; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Central Council of Health and Family Welfare in its meeting held in February, 1988 has recommended on integrated programme for control of Malaria and other vector-borne diseases like Filaria, Japanese Encaphalitis and Kalazar in endomi areas as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the cost being shared by the Central and State Governments in equal portion as under:—

(i) To undertake insecticide spraying in D.D.T./B.HC:/Malathion in areas which have an annual parasite index 2 and above depending on Vector resistance.

(ii) To undertake insecticide spraying operations in all districts which have recorded more than 100 cases of Japanese Encaphalities in any one year during the last 10 years.

(iii) To undertake insecticide spray operations in all endemic areas for Kala-azar. The endemic areas will include all Primary Health Centres which have recorded more than 10 cases per year.

Inter-zonal cultural festivals

2219. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold inter-zonal cultural festivals in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) In the Review Committee meeting of the Zonal Cultural Centres held on 21st December 1987 it was decided to hold seven inter-zonal cultural festivals during the year 1988. The details of these inter-zonal cultural festivals are given as under:

Name of the Centre	Function	Venue/Schedule
1. North Central Zone Cultural Centre, Allahabad.	Magh Mela	Allahabad 10-30-1-1988
2. North East Zone Cultural Centre, Dimapur.	25th Anniversary of the founding of Nagaland.	Nagaland 1-12-1988.